the States by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY).

As per the NCAER Survey-1994, 52 per cent of all villages in India did not have any source of protected drinking water. The Government of India has also undertaken a nation-wide survey to assess the status of drinking water supply in rural habitations through the State Governments in 1991, which was got validated in 1994. The survery was carried out with reference to rural habitation, and not village, as the unit for categorizing the coverage status. This survey indicated that in 1994. out of total number of 1318699 rural habitations in the country, 74734? were fully covered, 430377 were partially covered and 140975 were yet to be covered with drinking water facilities in 1994. Hence, 56.67 per cent of the rural habitations were fully covered with drinking water supply facilities in 1994. As such the difference in coverage figures between the two survey results is marginal.

Proposal of Bihar Government for construction of road

† 2831. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of Government of Bihar to the tune of Rs. 115.35 crores for the construction of 1490 Kilometer long road in the leftist militancy affected areas is under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, by when the sanction is likely to be granted to the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) Presently, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.